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Chronology of Events

Grenada		Bishop
1944		Born on 29 May.
1945-51		Family in Aruba. Father employed by oil company there.
1952-53	Eric Gairy at his height as union organizer.	
1959	Cuban Revolution.	
1960	Constitution grants semi-independent status with government through an administrator, an Executive Council, and Legislative Council.	Completes elementary school at Wesley Hall and at St. Georges.
1961-62	Gairy serves as Chief Minister.	
1963		Graduates from Presentation College; goes to London University to study.
1967	Gairy elected Premier.	
1969		President of West Indian Association, London; marries Angela Redhead.
1970		Receives law degree from London University and starts private law practice in St. Georges.
1971		Founds New Jewel Movement (NJM).
1973	Constitutional Conference in London recommends independence for Grenada.	18 November, "Bloody Sunday," Bishop brutalized by police. <i>NJM BECOMES POLITICAL PARTY</i>
1974	7 February, Grenada receives full independence from Great Britain. Gairy elected Prime Minister.	21 January, father fatally shot by police during antigovernment demonstration. Bishop blames Gairy.
1975	Gairy increases efforts to curb NJM activities; forces movement newspaper underground.	
1976	Allegations of election fraud against Gairy for restricting seats won by People's Alliance to six.	Founds People's Alliance Party; elected to Parliament.
1977		Named opposition leader in Parliament.
1979	Late February, government forces conduct extensive search for arms in homes of NJM leaders. Early March, word leaks that Gairy has ordered arrest and execution of NJM leadership; forces them into hiding. December, Cuban work force begins construction of Point Salines International Airport.	13 March, Bishop and colleagues oust Gairy's government in nearly bloodless coup.
1982	Cuba gives Grenada new 75-kilowatt medium-wave radio transmitter.	
1983		Travels to NAM Conference in New Delhi with Castro and Bouterse.

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